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REMARKS

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1. From 18 January to 3 February 1953, 16 soldiers practiced aiming with and loading of, two 122-mm field howitzers in the Hubertus Kaserne, northwest of Flemminger Weg, Naumburg, on several days. Motor vehicles were seen nearby. At about 9 p.m. on 2 February, two SU-76 guns, occupied by 5 soldiers each, and two trucks, each towing a 160-mm mortar, left the installation. Motor vehicles

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2. From 18 January to 3 February, about 100 soldiers were almost daily drilling in the yard of the Blücher Kaserne, southeast of Flemminger Weg, west of Friesen Strasse and opposite the Hubertus Kaserne. At the same time, about 100 soldiers were digging foxholes, machine gun emplacements and small ditches at Am Knabenberg (hill) and in the adjoining Sachsenholz (woods). Reports of light machine guns, rifles and submachine guns were heard from the firing range in Sperlingsholz (woods). At about 8:15 p.m. on 27 January, about 80 to 100 soldiers armed with 2 antitank rifles and 2 heavy machine guns left the installation for an exercise, proceeding toward Freiburg via the town of Naumburg. The unit practiced security on the march, with trucks each towing a 57-mm AT gun, preceding the column. Motor vehicles were seen.

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3. On 3 February, the Bismarck Kaserne, south of Schoenburger Strasse and east of Luxemburger Strasse was occupied as previously. On 19 January, two trains, each consisting of about 40 cars and each carrying about 60 1.5-ton trucks were being unloaded at the Naumburg railroad station. The trucks went to the Bismarck Kaserne and were parked in the backyard.

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4. From 18 January to 3 February, about 20 soldiers carrying telephone equipment almost daily left the Barbara Kaserne on Hallesche Strasse. They returned after two to four hours. A radio truck was seen near the guardhouse as previously. [redacted]

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5. On 3 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne, south of Schoenburger Strasse, southwest of the railroad line to Tauchern, appeared to be occupied by a small guard detail only. ¹

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6. On 13 January, five wide wooden gates were being unloaded at the east railroad station by a captain wearing black-bordered golden epaulets with construction-engineer insignia, and 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered black or red-bordered black epaulets. The gates were hauled to the Bluecher Kaserne by trucks [redacted]

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7. On 13 January, about 100 to 150 soldiers were seen drilling on 76-mm AA guns in the Bismarck Kaserne. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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8. [redacted] Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

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9. On 15 January, numerous soldiers were seen en route to the economic building in the yard of the Barbara Kaserne. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.

10. On 14 January, the Nord Kaserne on Nord Strasse, Peter Paul Strasse and Lerchen Weg was vacant. ²

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[redacted] Comment. According to the preceding report [redacted] advance details allegedly would leave the Hindenburg Kaserne for Eisenach on 13 and 14 January. [redacted] Information [redacted] tends to indicate that the elements of the 57th Gds Rtz Rifle Div including the division headquarters previously stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne have left. As the Kindel troop training grounds near Eisenach, prior to 27 January, was occupied by only a guard detail, and provided that the above mentioned assumption is correct, these elements probably went to another training area. [redacted] no trains leaving Naumburg prior to 3 February, the units must have moved by road.

[redacted] Comment. Except for the assumed transfer mentioned above, the observations [redacted] do not furnish any new information on the location of units stationed in Naumburg.

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